



King County
Meeting Proceedings
Board of Health

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

**Metropolitan King County Councilmembers: Chair Julia Patterson, Reagan
Dunn,
Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Larry Phillips, Pete von Reichbauer
Alternates: Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague**

**Seattle City Councilmembers: Richard Conlin, Sally Clark, Tom Rasmussen
Alternate: Peter Steinbrueck**

**Suburban Elected Members: David Hutchinson, Ava Frisinger
Alternate: Dan Sherman**

**Health Professionals: Ray M. Nicola, MD, MHSA, FACPM,
Frankie T. Manning, RN, M.A. and George W. Counts, MD**

**Staff: Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator (296-4312); Carrie Cihak, Lead
Staff (296-0317)**

**Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health: Dr. David
Fleming**

Room 1001

June 21, 2007

1:30 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Conlin, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola, Ms. Manning, Dr. Counts, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Sherman

Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

Alternate Boardmember Sherman was present.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2007 and May 10, 2007

Boardmember Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes of April 19 and May 10, 2007. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak:

*Robert Hill
Trent House*

3. Chair's Report

Chair Patterson reported on efforts to reduce obesity in the county; the Board will consider legislation relating to trans fats and menu labeling at the July Board of Health meeting and she explained the ad hoc committee working on this issue.

4. Board Member Updates

Boardmember Rasmussen reported on preparing an op-ed for HIV awareness week

5. Director's Report

Dr. Fleming solicited questions from the boardmembers. He remarked on the increase of tuberculosis cases in the county; there was a 16% increase from 2005 to 2006, and a further increase so far in 2007. The increase appears to be partly from the increase in number of foreign-born in the county. He also reported that the Atlanta XDR (highly drug resistant) strain is not present in KC, although there are some different resistant strains in the county. He discussed other indicators for tuberculosis, which occurs when the immune system is stressed; the elderly, HIV-positives, the poor and the homeless are more at risk. Dr. Fleming indicated that there is not an epidemic of tuberculosis in the county.

When asked about West Nile Virus, Dr. Fleming reported that it first appears in birds, then in humans. Human cases are most likely in August and September. Dr. Fleming will report more on this subject at a later meeting.

Dr. Fleming was also asked about drownings. He indicated that the department's influence is through public education. The two most important things to remember to prevent drownings are: (1) wear life vest and make sure children wear life vest, and (2) diving into cold water (rivers) can decrease strength and increase risk.

6. Administrator's Report

Board administrator Kathy Uhlorn presented a chart on health rankings of the states, a revised Board of Health work program and information on a budget proviso in the 2007 King County budget requiring a report on pedestrian deaths in King County. She also requested that the Chair appoint two members to the on-site sewage advisory committee. Boardmembers Dunn and Nicola were nominated. Boardmember Hutchinson moved to approve the appointments; Boardmember Counts seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 11-0 (Boardmembers Ferguson and von Reichbauer excused).

7. Recognition**Presentation of a Recognition to Operation Storefront Students**

The Board recognized Operation Storefront. Boardmembers Rasmussen and Patterson read the resolution. Project leader Sopha Dahn and student Danny Huang described the program.

Discussion and Possible Action

8. [Resolution No. 07-04](#)

A RESOLUTION directing preparation of an emergency preparedness and response plan for the King County Board of Health.

Carrie Cihak, Board of Health lead staff, and Michael Loehr, emergency management manager, briefed the Board on the issue. Ms. Cihak then reviewed the terms of resolution.

A motion was made by Dr. Counts, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola and Dr. Counts

No: 0

Excused: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Clark, Ms. Manning, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Sherman

Briefings

9. [BOH Briefing No. 07-B20](#)

Nutritional Options in Restaurants

Chair Patterson began the discussion. Ms. Uhlorn reviewed the project timeline. Donna Oberg, Public Health Project Manager, Nutritional Options in Restaurants, reported on the June 4 meeting of the ad hoc committee.

10. [BOH Briefing No. 07-B21](#)

Public Health Operational Master Plan Update - Phase II Draft Recommendations

Dr. Fleming reported on phase 2 of the Public Health Operational Master Plan process. Boardmember Manning requested that "injury" be added to the promotion section of the plan. Boardmember Hutchinson requested that the plan include reaching out to the cities, which have a responsibility to pass on information that helps develop healthy living. Chair Patterson indicated that there would be a joint meeting with the King County Council Law, Justice and Human Services Committee to discuss the plan in late September.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature